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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for frozen hens and toms steady to fully steady, instances firm on hens. Trading reported on packer labeled for prompt shipments. Supplies of whole birds generally light. Bulk parts and meats trading limited.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand mixed. Frozen thigh meat and tom drums finding the best movement to the border. Supplies remain uneven. Resistance to current price levels and limited availability of parts have kept movement at a standstill.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 26, 2000**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	74	74.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-79	79	79.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	73	73.00	400	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF OCTOBER 27, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	79.30**	77.29	81.51
CENTRAL REGION	79.00	78.17	77.55
WESTERN REGION	79.30**	78.00	80.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	74.70**	74.00	73.50
CENTRAL REGION	73.23	72.46	69.45
WESTERN REGION	74.80**	74.92	75.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-104
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	79-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	79-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	91-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	91-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	91-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	91-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-104

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 30-OCT-2000

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	88.64	280	87.21	280
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	88.64	280	87.21	280
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		100		60

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

SEPTEMBER	430,654*
OCTOBER 1-21, 2000	332,354*

To date 2000	4,287,081*
To date 1999	4,067,962*

* PRELIMINARY

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 21-Oct-2000
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL TKY</u>	
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>—THOUSAND</u>		<u>HEAD—</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	905	6	21.59	(A)	(A)	909	21.59
S ATL	881	-6	26.85	(A)	(A)	886	26.85
N CENT	2,573	5	27.06	(A)	(A)	2,578	27.06
S CENT	634	6	19.54	(A)	(A)	638	19.54
WEST	612	6	23.21	(A)	(A)	616	23.21
U.S.TOTAL	5,605(B)	3	24.88	0	22	5,627	24.88
TO DATE							
2000	*203,622*(B)			166	1,140	204,928	
TO DATE							
1999	202,272(B)			55	1,550	203,877	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 68,000 for the year 1,357,000; last year to date 635,000.

Year-to-Date 2000 has been adjusted.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 21-Oct-2000

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	2,566	2,971	68	22	5,627
AVG WT	16.01	32.55	24.50	29.08	24.90
LAST WEEK	2,187	3,155	80	20	5,442
YR AGO	5,369	(B)	9	35	5,413
AVG WT	25.40	(B)	25.89	28.17	25.42
TO-DATE/2000	202,431	*(B)*	1,357	1,140	204,928
TO-DATE/1999	201,692	(B)	635	1,550	203,877

(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 OCTOBER 2000.

Tom drum trade sentiment starting to become unsettled. Seller sentiment on tom drums in the East steady to fully steady with some asking higher price levels for mid-November shipments. Midwest seller sentiment on tom drums, however, ranged steady to barely steady. Supplies of tom drums were light and held with confidence in the East, light to fully adequate mostly adequate in the Midwest. Thigh meat trade sentiment was steady to firm due mostly to the strength of the frozen export market. Demand was fair to good on thigh meat with the best interest noted on frozen for export to Mexico. Domestic trading light and centered on tom full-cut wings. Export trading was moderately heavy on frozen thigh meat, light on the balance of items. Plant grade 8-10 lb. breasts (1 container) traded at 103 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	112.00	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	138.00	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	99.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	46
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	33.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00-31.00		28.35	155
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	27.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	53.00		53.00	40
NECKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	49
NECKS, HEN	15.00		15.00	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	168.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	194.00	100
THIGH MEAT	71.00		71.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	64.77	166
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	119.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	112.00	20
TENDERLOINS	138.00		138.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	162.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	184.00	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	55.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	15.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00		31.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.40	520
TAILS		F	27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00-73.00		72.06	640

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 OCTOBER 2000.

Undertone steady to weak on fresh tom breast meat with lower trending offering prices noted for November-December shipments. Destrapped tenderloins and frozen tom breast meat undertone about steady for light to adequate offerings. The undertone on scapula and wing meat at least steady for the limited offerings. White meat demand light to fair mostly light on the balance of items. Bulk parts undertone barely steady on hen necks with offers noted at 13 cents delivered. Tom full-cut wing undertone steady with offerings not as tight when compared to previous weeks and ranged light to adequate. Tom drum undertone steady to barely steady with offerings in the Central Region not held with as much confidence as other parts of the country. Inquiry slow to fair. Trading centered on a fair volume of tom drums for export, balance light. Frozen mechanically separated 15-20% turkey traded at 20-20.25 cents delivered for pet foods.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	110.00		110.00	160	110.13	171
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	138.00	60	137.43	140
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	99.33	120	99.25	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	80	30.52	166
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	33.00	3	33.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00		27.00	40	27.31	295
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.50		24.50	10	24.50	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	25.00	40	25.43	51
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	53.00	40	53.00	40
NECKS, TOM	16.50		16.50	30	15.93	240
NECKS, HEN		R	15.00	3	15.00	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	170.00		170.00	40	169.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	186.50-195.00		187.71	140	191.33	480
THIGH MEAT		R	71.00	6	69.26	46
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	66.00-68.00		66.67	150	66.67	150
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	119.00	40	119.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	112.00		112.00	20	112.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	138.00	10	138.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	162.00	40	162.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	184.00	200	184.00	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	55.00	40	55.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	160		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-17.00		16.65	170	16.40	970
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.50-30.00		29.65	400	31.40	1,768
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.40	520		
TAILS	22.00		22.00	80	22.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	21.00	52	21.00	162
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	72.06	640	71.18	1,410

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